GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2196
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2005
ASSISTANCE TO NGO
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) provided with the financial assistance for plantation under afforestation scheme in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, district-wise;

(b) whether the Principal Chief Forest Conservator has any role regarding supervision of these NGOs/funds etc.; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Nine Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) of 3 districts in Himachal Pradesh have been provided with the financial assistance of Rs.28.06 lakh for plantation under Grants-in-Aid scheme of the Ministry of Environment and Forests during the last three years. The details are given in the Annexure.

(b) & (c) As per Operational Guidelines of Grants-in-Aid for Greening India Scheme of National Afforestation and Eco-development Board (NAEB), of this Ministry, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (PCCF) has been assigned the nodal role for implementation of the scheme. The proposals of voluntary agencies including NGOs for financial assistance under this scheme are received by NAEB duly scrutinized and prioritized through the PCCF of the State. Subsequent instalments in respect of ongoing projects under the scheme are released on the recommendation of the PCCF based on field evaluation carried out by the State Forest Department authorities.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART(a) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2196 BY DR. COL. (RETD.) DHANI RAM SHANDIL REGARDING "ASSISTANCE TO NGO" DUE FOR REPLY ON 08.08.2005

	District	Number of NGOs assisted	Amount released (Rs.in lakh)
2002-03	Nil	Nil	Nil
2003-04	Shimla	2	7.97
	Solan	1	3.99
	Sirmaur	3	10.86
2004-05	Shimla	2	2.10
	Sirmaur	1	3.14
	Total	9	28.06